THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) On receipt of complaints alleging irregularities in the computations made by the Special Team, it was decided in 1989 to review all their recommendations and the events thereafter. Accordingly revised tentative calculations have since been made in most of cases and communicated to the concerned companies. For the remaining the revised calculations will be made soon after receipt of complete details which have already been asked for. The companies have been informed that in case they do not supply the data, the Government will be left with no alternative but to compute their liabilities on the basis of whatever data bacomes available from wherever. The question of any company being let off does not arise. All efforts will be made to effect the recoveries as legally permissible. While reasse ssing the liabilities on tentative basis, the liabilities have been computed strictly in accordance with the provisions of DPCOs, judgements of the Courts and guideines approved by the Government in 1990. Most of the companies against whom the huge tentative liabilities have been worked out have gone to different High Courts against the revised tentative liabilities. The question of taking action against the officers concerned and fixing responsibility would arise only after the liabilities of the companies are finally determined.

Amount due under DPEA

1457. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position of amounts due from drug companies under DPEA on 10th July, 1992;

(b) what are the details of recoveries made from 1st January, 1992 upto date;

(c) what are the liabilities which have been assessed from 1st January, 1992 to 30th June, 1992;

(d) whether it is a fact that from 1st April, 1991 only hearings have been given and favours have been obtained from the companies in various shapes including agencies in favour of relatives of the officers;

(e) if so, what are the names of officers whose relations are engaged in the distribution of pharmaceutical companies;

(f) what are the details of hearings given, names of the companies, dates of hearing and outcome of each hearing; and

(g) what are the names of companies whose cases are still pending in various courts on DPEA issues and what is the latest position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (c). The latest position of amounts due from drug companies, under DPEA on 10th July, 1992 including liabilities assessed from 1st January, 1992 to 30th June, 1992 has bean given in Rajya Sabha Starred question No. 126 answered on 16th July, 1992.

(b). No amout has been recovered from 1st January, 1992 upto date.

(d) to (f). On the request of the individual companies as well as on the directives of the High Courts, the hearings have been given to some companies. The names of companies with other details are given in the Statement—I ((*See below*) There is no information regarding favours obtained from these companies by the officers.

(g): The names of companies whose cases are still pending in Courts with other details are given in Statement—II.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Companies	Date of hearing	Amount due (Rs./lakhs)	Date of Notice for recovery of amount
1	2	3	4	5
1	M/s. Sandoz (Multivitamin)	26-4-1991	74·68	24-6-1991
2	M/s. Pfizer (Oxytetracycline)	15-5-1991	97·61	12-12-1991
3	M/s. Pfizer (Multivitamin)	17-7-1991	98·00	12-12-1991
4	M/s. Burroughs Wellcome (Sulphamethexazole)	5-8-1991	441·27	Under final stage
5	M/s. Nicholas (Gentamycin)	5-8-1991	53·03	Do.
6	M/s. S.G. Pharma (Oxyphenbutazone)	8-8-1991	205·36	24-2-1992
7	M/s. Abbott. (Multivitamin)	16-8-1991	182·38	12-12-1991
8	M/s. Biochem (Rifampicin)	27-3-1992	34·28	Yet to be finalised.

Statement-II

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the High Court	Amount involved	Latest position
1	2	3	4	5
			(Rs./crores)	
1	M/s. Hoechast	Bombay	77·-81	In respect of these cases, the Bombay High Court fixed time Schedule for furnishing of data by the parties and hearing and final orders of Government. Writ petitions treated as withdrawn.
2	M/s. Burroughs Wellcome	Do.	4·41	
3	M/s. Nicholas	Do.	0·53.	
4	M/s. Pharmed	Do.	0·66	
5	M/s. Glaxy.	Delhi	71·78	Hearing to commence.
6	M/s. Fulford	Do.	1·95	Do.
7	Iyka a Lab	Bombay	6·79	Hearing not yet commenced.

1	2	3	4	5	6
8	M/s. Cadila	Ahmedabad	0·76	Stay granted. Hearing not yet commenced.	
9	M/s. Carews	Calcutta	7·10	Do.	
10	M/s. Dolphin	Do.	0·18	Do.	
11	M/s. Pfizer (Oxytetracycline) .	Bombay	0·-88	Writ Petition is Pending	
12	M/s. Pfizer (Multivitepin) . .	Bombay	0·98	Do.	
13	M/s. Abbott. (Multivitepin); .	Bombay	1.28	Do.	
14	M/s. Salbutamol (Multivitepin); .	Bombay	0·75	Do.	

Import of intermediates of essential drugs

1458. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have allowed foreign exchange at RBI rates for import of intermediates of eight essential drugs excluding vital intermediates for manufacturing Rifampicin and Penicillin;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason for exclusion of Rifampicin and Penicillin; and

(c) whether it is not a fact that the exclusion of the above two essential life saving drugs would lead to very high cost of production making it prohibitory for treatment of tuberculosis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). No Sir. Government has allowed foreign exchange at RBI rates for import of only one intermediates viz. Penicillin G First Crystal which is used in the manufacture of a number of antibiotics. The question of extending this facility to other intermddiates is under consideration.

गोरखपुर में एक उर्वरक कारखाने का लगाया जाना

1459. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार भारतीय उर्वरक निगम के अन्तर्गत गोरखपुर (उत्तर प्रदेश) में एक उर्वरक कारखाना लगाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) ऐसा कारखाना कहां तक स्थापित कर दिए जाने की सम्भावना है और इस पर कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिंता मोहन) : (क) फर्टिलाइजर कार्पोरेशन आफ इंडिया (एफ सी आई) के गोरखपुर में बन्द पड़े हुए वर्तमान उर्वरक संयंत्र का स्वास्थ्य अध्ययन पूर्ण होने के पश्चात उन्होंने गोरखपुर स्थित वर्तमान स्थान पर 900 टन प्रतिदिन अमोनिया और 1500 टन प्रतिदिन यूरिया की क्षमता के साथ नेफ्था पर आधारित एक नये उर्वरक संयंत्र को स्थापित करने का सुझाव दिया है ।

(ख) एफ सी आई ने नये संयंत्र के लिये 837 करोड़ रुपये की लागत का अनुमान लगाया है । सरकार शीघ्र निणय के लिए हर सम्भव प्रयास करेगी ।